GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF SPICES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of spices exported from India during each of the last three years;

(b) the names of these spices and the names of countries where these spices were exported along with the quantity thereof;

(c) the details of the export policy of the Government for the export of the spices;

(d) whether some spices are imported also; and

(e) if so, the names, quantity and value of the spices imported during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

a) & b): The total quantity and value of spices exported from India during the last 3 years is given below:

Year	Quantity(tonnes)	Value (Rs. crores)
1996-97	225294.65	1230.72
1997-98	242070.75	1460.82
1998-99	231389.51	1758.02

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Source: Spices Board

The country-wise and item-wise details of exports are available in the monthly bulletin/annual numbers of the foreign trade statistics published by the DGCI&S, Calcutta, copies of which are supplied to the Parliament Library. c): As per the Export Policy of the Government, all spices are freely exportable.
d) & e): Yes, Sir. The details of the quantity and value of spices imported during the last three years is given below:

Year	Imports Qty. (tonnes)	Value (Rs. lakhs)
1996-97	28997.32	9710.82
1997-98	35223.51	13182.82
1998-99	67436.97	29358.25

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